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Subject: Conditional Use Permit CUP #0108-02 Application for Diatomaceous Earth Extraction - Tom Newman, Holcim Inc.

Dear Brian,

This letter documents a telephone conversation with Paul Baker, State of Utah, DNR, and Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

Paul Baker and I discussed your Item #8 and 9 in the Fact Section of the Conditional Use Permit Application for the May 14, 2002 Planning Commission Meeting.

Item 8 - The State of Utah will allow Holcim to operate as a Small Mine Operation with continued responsibility to close the 5 acres under S/045/048. The reason why the 5 acres are not closed now is due to sever weather that has hampered the germination of grass seed that was placed last fall. Holcim has stated in writing to the State of Utah that it will continue with reclamation reseeding until successful germination takes place.

Item 9 - The State of Utah accepts the archaeological review performed by the US BLM during it Plan of Operation Application evaluation (U77778). The US BLM Archaeologist did not find any significant cultural artifacts on the affected area and released the diatomaceous earth deposit for extraction.

Item 9 - There is no paleontological review process with the State of Utah or the US BLM. Both request that <u>if</u> fossil remains are discovered; to be notified as soon as possible. As a practising Geologist, knowledgeable in the depositional history of the diatomaceous earth - the chances of finding any fossil remains, traces, artifacts are distinctly remote. Regardless Holcim and its Contractors will notify the State of Utah and the US BLM if something is found.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the State of Utah. If there is any discussion or correspondence concerning the above Items, you will be notified immediately.

This should complete your requests from the Fact Section.

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## Yours sincerely

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